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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ONGOING SUPPORTING A PROCUREMENT  
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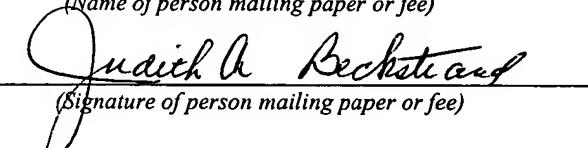
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ONGOING SUPPORTING A PROCUREMENT AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SYSTEM

and invented by: RAY F. BARNARD, PHILIP J. CIRULLI, KERIN J. FLANNERY, CARL J. LANUTTI, LAWRENCE R. MAIER, ANN K. WALLA

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ASSIGNEE RESIDENCE: Armonk, New York

If a CONTINUATION APPLICATION, check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

Continuation     Divisional     Continuation-in-part(CIP) of prior application No.: 09/444,256 FILED 11/22/1999

Enclosed are:

Application Elements

01.  Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
02.  Specification having 101 pages and including the following:
  - a.  Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b.  Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)
  - c.  Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (if applicable)
  - d.  Reference to Microfiche Appendix (if applicable)
  - e.  Background of the Invention
  - f.  Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g.  Brief Description of the Drawings (if drawings filed)
  - h.  Detailed Description
  - i.  Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j.  Abstract of the Disclosure
03.  Drawing(s) when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
  - a.  Formal
  - b.  Informal

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**Application Elements (Continued)**

04.  Oath or Declaration
   
a.  Newly executed (original or copy)       Not executed
   
b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)
   
c.  With Power of Attorney       Without Power of Attorney
05.  Incorporation By Reference (usable if Item 4b is checked)
   
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Item 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

06.  Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)
   
07.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)
   
a.  Paper Copy
   
b.  Computer Readable Copy (identical to computer copy)
   
c.  Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

08.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
   
09.  37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
   
10.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
   
11.  Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449       Copies of IDS citation
   
12.  Preliminary Amendment
   
13.  Acknowledgment postcard
   
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16.  Additional Enclosures (identify below)

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## CLAIMS AS FILED

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Multiple Dependent Claims	_____				\$
				<b>BASIC FEE</b>	\$ 770.00
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